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Appl. No. : 09/845,046
Examiner : Lena Najarian
Docket No. : 706737.48

Remarks/Arguments

Reconsideration of this application is requested.

The specification has been amended to provide the corrected reference numerals noted by the Examiner which were present on the drawing but either omitted or incorrectly identified in the specification. It thus is believed that the rejection to the drawings in Paragraphs 3 through 5 have been overcome.

The claims have been amended to more accurately define the present invention. The Background of the Invention explains problems and concerns with immunization tracking, and the major purpose of the present invention is to overcome these disadvantages and provide a system and method for acquiring and tracking data related to a medical immunization product, and supplying that data to an immunization-tracking authority. This overcomes the present manual methods for maintaining records and tracking immunizations such as by locality, age groups, population, etc., while still limiting or preventing access to an individual's personal identity. It is respectfully submitted that these claims clearly define patentable subject matter over both of the cited references.

Momich is directed to an interactive reminder device for prompting the use of medication. On the other hand, the Engel patent application relates to a method and system of selling healthcare services to a patient. First, it is respectfully submitted that the present two independent Claims 11 and 15, as well as their dependent claims, clearly define patentable subject matter over each of these patents, taken alone or in combination. Second, the teachings of the two cited patents are so different and diverse, that it is not seen how there could be any incentive to combine their teachings.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the presently claimed system and method of acquiring and tracking data related to a medical immunization

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product and how the data is handled clearly defines patentable subject matter over theses references.

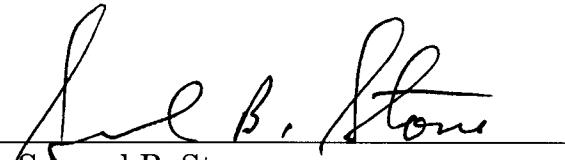
Favorable reconsideration is requested. A Notice of Allowance is solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may be required in connection with this Amendment to deposit account No. 15-0665.

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